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***Raised Bill No. 1227***

LCO No. 5052

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:  
(JUD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE PREVENTION OF URBAN YOUTH  
DELINQUENCY AND VIOLENCE AND THE CRIMINAL LIABILITY OF  
PARENTS OR GUARDIANS OF CHILDREN WHO ILLEGALLY  
POSSESS FIREARMS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Court Support Services  
2 Division within the Judicial Branch shall collaborate, within available  
3 resources, with one or more private providers in the city of Hartford  
4 that provides community-based services for children and families, in  
5 order to (1) inventory programs and services within the city of  
6 Hartford designed to promote positive youth development and reduce  
7 the number of youth who come into contact with the juvenile justice  
8 system, and (2) design a process for identifying at-risk youth for  
9 referral to such programs. Such inventory shall indicate the types of  
10 services provided in such programs, including, but not limited to,  
11 screening and assessment, crisis intervention, family mediation,  
12 educational evaluations and advocacy, mental health treatment and  
13 services, including gender specific trauma treatment and services,  
14 resiliency skills building, access to positive social activities, short-term  
15 respite care and access to services available to children in the juvenile

16 justice system. Such private provider may be a community-based  
 17 service center that provides services for children and families pursuant  
 18 to section 46b-149e of the general statutes. Not later than February 1,  
 19 2012, the Chief Court Administrator shall submit a report, in  
 20 accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint  
 21 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
 22 matters relating to the judiciary, specifying the programs inventoried  
 23 and the process designed under this section.

24 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2011*) Any parent or guardian of a  
 25 minor child who, knowing that such child possesses a firearm, as  
 26 defined in section 53a-3 of the general statutes, and is ineligible to  
 27 possess such firearm, fails to cause such child to relinquish such  
 28 firearm shall be fined not more than two thousand dollars or  
 29 imprisoned not more than one year, or both, except that, if such child  
 30 causes the injury or death of another person with such firearm, such  
 31 parent or guardian shall be fined not more than five thousand dollars  
 32 or imprisoned not more than three years, or both.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2011</i>	New section

***Statement of Purpose:***

To establish a pilot program in the city of Hartford to inventory programs designed to reduce the number of youths who come into contact with the juvenile justice system, and provide for the criminal liability of parents or guardians of children who illegally possess firearms.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*